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FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR

CAPTAIN CARTER ACQUIRES IMMENSE HOLDINGS OF ARIZONA LAND AND IRRIGATION COMPANY IN THE CHINO AND LONESOME VALLEYS

RAIL CHIEFS ARE NAMED TO AID M'ADOO

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DIRECTOR GENERAL IS NEARLY THROUGH TASK OF SELECTING CORPS OF EXECUTIVES WHICH IS TO AID GOVERNMENT IN MANAGEMENT OF CARRIERS OF CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI VALLEY; SANTA FE VICE PRESIDENT IS SELECTED.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—Director General McAdoo today had about completed the central staff which will assist him in administering governmental operation of railroads during the war. Although no official announcement was made, it was understood the staff probably would be as follows.

General assistant, Walter D. Hines, New York, chairman and general counsel of the Santa Fe.

Transportation, Carl R. Gray, Baltimore, president of the Western Maryland; assistants, F. T. Bentley, Chicago, general superintendent of motive power, Chicago and Northwestern, in charge of mechanical matters; W. T. Tyler, St. Paul, assistant vice-president of the Northern Pacific.

Law, John Barton Payne of Chicago.

Labor, W. S. Carter, chief of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen and Engineers.

Public service and accounts, C. A. Prouty, chief of the interstate commerce commission's bureau of valuation and accounts; assistant, Luther M. Walter, Chicago attorney.

Traffic, Edward Chambers, vice-president of the Santa Fe, until recently traffic director of the food administration; assistants, C. B. Buxton, of Philadelphia and Dallas, recently assistant director of transportation of the food administration; Robert C. Wright, of Philadelphia, traffic manager of the Pennsylvania; in charge of freight matters; Gerrit Fort, passenger traffic manager of the Union Pacific, in charge of passenger service; G. A. Kirtley, New York, assistant to Vice-President Stone of the Erie, in charge of priority.

The heads of each of these divisions will organize the work assigned to him throughout the country and in general will utilize the agencies already organized by the railroads under private management. No wholesale dismissal of employees or officers is planned by the railroad administration, although gradually a number of officials now unnecessary since the removal of competitive conditions may be assigned to other work under a recent order of Director General McAdoo insuring an economy wherever possible.

Emma Will Do Bit In The Big House

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Emma Goldman, an anarchist, left today to resume her sentence of two years in prison at Jefferson City, Mo. Alexander Berkman goes to Atlanta next Wednesday for the same term.

LOOKS LIKE IT WAS ALL OVER

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph says that the sudden return of Dr. von Kuhlmann and Count Czernin to Berlin is considered in German political circles as being the forerunner of a rupture of the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk.

Half Million Sammies In France Soon

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—Secretary Daniels today authorized the statement that the navy department is assured of enough transportation facilities to make sure that there will be 500,000 American troops in France early this year, as stated by Secretary Baker recently before the senate military committee. He made the statement when informed that the forecast had been challenged in the senate by Senator Hitchcock. Mr. Baker declined to comment on the Hitchcock address.

MANY ALIENS ARE COMPELLED TO REGISTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—Thousands of unnaturalized Germans living in the United States were registered today with the police of cities or the postmasters in small communities. Under the rules of the department of justice providing for a complete census of German enemy aliens, the registration is to continue one week. About half a million are expected to enroll.

The present penalty for violations of any of the provisions of President Wilson's alien enemy proclamation is internment for the period of the war, but if a policy suggested by high government officials is pursued there will be a revision of the law in order to make the punishment more drastic.

Before the clock strikes midnight Saturday every one of the German aliens in this country—not including women, or children under the age of 14 years—must have registered or will be considered a dangerous person and will be interned. The registration does not apply to Austrians or Hungarians.

A certified card, showing that he has been registered, must be carried at all times on the person of German aliens and he may not change his place of residence without first notifying and obtaining permission of the police or postmaster of the town or city in which he lives.

Earlier plans for the gradual registration of Germans in the United States with those in the eastern section to come first, were abandoned when it was intimated that some Germans might avoid registration by moving from one district to another.

Venice Once More Shelled by Huns

ROME, Feb. 4.—Venice and a number of towns on the Venetian plain were bombed by enemy airmen today, according to an Italian official communication. While no damage and no casualties resulted from the attack on Venice, considerable destruction was wrought in the towns of Paudua, Treviso and Mestre, where a number of civilians were killed or wounded.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—The trial by court martial of Bolo Pasha on a charge of treason in having conducted German propaganda in France, began here today.

BIG TRACT ALREADY IS SOLD TO AN ILLINOIS SYNDICATE

The entire holdings of the Arizona Land & Irrigation Company, the Hassayampa Alfalfa Farms Company, the Jacob F. Finkelstein and others, amounting to some 31,000 acres of fine agricultural lands, situated in the Little Chino and Lonesome valleys between Prescott and Jerome Junction, were recently sold to O. M. Carter, a consulting engineer of Chicago.

For years past very little has been done toward developing this great body of fertile land. Last year some 2,500 acres were placed under cultivation, and the yields were so great that many farmers practically paid for their lands from the proceeds of the first year's crops. Matters are now in shape for a much larger development, which will be of the greatest value to this vicinity.

Mr. Carter arrived in town from Chicago Sunday, and took possession of the entire tract of land yesterday, and at once took steps to develop and place the land under irrigated cultivation.

He has set aside 8,000 acres of the choicest land adjoining the holdings of the Chino Mutual Water Users' Association, (which set a record of performance last season), to be placed under cultivation during the coming season.

Additional storage for the water required for irrigating these 8,000 acres of land will be created in the

Granite Creek reservoir by raising the existing dam, or in Willow creek by constructing a dam there, or by both methods.

Already 3,240 acres of this 8,000 acre tract have been sold by Mr. Carter to a group of wealthy farmers from Monticello and Bement, Illinois, headed by H. E. Shaw, who is president of the State Bank of Bement.

With Mr. Shaw are associated Mr. Kratz, Mr. Moore, and others, and these gentlemen have already incorporated as the Prescott Farms Company, with a capital of \$350,000. They have bought big tractors and other farm machinery, which are already on their way here, and they hope to have at least 2,000 acres of their land under cultivation this year.

Inasmuch as these new owners are agriculturists of experience, the Little Chino farmers, who grew such wonderful crops last season, will have to look to their laurels for the coming year.

Negotiations are well under way by Mr. Carter for the sale of another tract of the same size to be owned and operated by a group of experienced farmers from the corn belt of Illinois, and when the entire 8,000 acres are under cultivation, it will give a total of about 11,000 acres under irrigated cultivation in that locality, including the acreage already under cultivation by the farmers at Little Chino.

If the record of production set last year by the Little Chino farmers is kept up, this should mean an annual net income from this land of between \$500,000 and \$750,000 and if it is added thereto the revenue to be derived from the balance of the tract, will reach much larger figures.

It is understood that in addition to developing the large tract of irrigated land, the new owners intend to develop a large livestock ranch in Lonesome valley, the excellent work of Mr. Bates of the agricultural department of the State University having shown what can be done toward raising forage crops without irrigation, so the new venture contains nothing of novel or experimental.

The building of the dam in Willow creek will flood the tract of land known as the Wynkoop ranch, operated under a lease by Messrs Dolly and Ruffner, but the loss of that tract of land will bring an acreage many times as great, so the net return will be great, even with the loss of that tract of land.

Mr. Carter has placed W. M. Graves of Little Chino in local charge of the 31,000 acres of which he took possession yesterday morning, and Mr. Graves will soon begin farming operations covering the 8,000-acre tract named, and when this has been done the acreage will be increased as rapidly as may be needed.

HUN SOCIALIST AGITATOR GETS JAIL TERM

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—Wilhelm Dittman, radical Socialist deputy, who was tried by extraordinary court martial on a charge of inciting treason, resistance to public authority and transgression of the prohibition against participation in the direction of a general strike, was today sentenced to two months' imprisonment. Mitigating circumstances and the absence of dishonorable intentions were admitted.

RUMANIAN ARMY BATTLES WITH BOLSHEVIKI

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Official telegrams from Jassy on Saturday say that the greater part of the Rumanian army is fighting the Russian troops who are overrunning Moldavia and Bessarabia, while the Bolsheviki troops are concentrating at Bukovina. Fighting is in progress between the Bolsheviki and the Rumanians over all Bessarabia, as far as the Dniester river.

SEC. BAKER'S POLICIES ATTACKED ANEW

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—Secretary Baker's recent statement to the senate military committee that the United States would have half a million soldiers in France early this year and that prospects were not unpromising for ships to carry a million more who would be ready during the year, were characterized by Senator Hitchcock in an address to the senate today as "absolutely preposterous and *** so exaggerated as to convey an entirely false impression as to what we can do and what we are doing."

Supporting the committee's bills for a war cabinet and munitions director, Senator Hitchcock declared Secretary Baker was no doubt sincere but was misled by lack of information regarding scarcity of ships into making sanguine predictions. He said President Wilson himself "does not know the real situation" and cited this situation as an illustration of the absence of government coordination. Administration leaders prepared to reply to Senator Hitchcock, whose speech launched the debate, which has

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AERO ACCIDENT FATAL TO NEW YORK FLYER

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 4.—Wyles B. Bradley, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., a flying cadet at Ellington field, was burned to death today when his plane fell 30 feet, the gasoline tank exploding. He fell while trying out the plane on short flights, and would probably have emerged uninjured from the smash had the tank not exploded, covering him with blazing oil.

Ten Below In Windy City On Heatless Day

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Chicago's third heatless Monday, also the coldest of the year, saw the city in the grip of the worst fuel famine in its history. The suffering was widespread, hundreds of persons besieging the offices of the fuel administration for the pink coal slips, which later proved valueless when presented at many yards which were closed because of a lack of fuel. When the temperature dropped to 10 below zero, many who could afford it, closed their homes and went to the hotels.

Oil Production And Sale Now In U.S. Control

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—Government control of industry was today extended to oil in proclamation by President Wilson putting under license the manufacture and distributing all fuel oils. No mention was made of other oils or products. Licensing authority, under the proclamation, is vested in Mark L. Requa of California, recently named chief of the fuel administration's oil division. Licenses must be obtained before Feb. 11th by all manufacturers and distributors whose gross sales of fuel amount to 100,000 barrels a year.

UPPER HOUSE IS STILL TALKING WAR CABINET

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—The controversy over government efficiency and bills for a war cabinet and a munitions director, was renewed in the senate, with the debate occupying the entire day. Senator Hitchcock delivered a prepared speech in support of the bills. The President opposes criticizing the war department and charging Secretary Baker with unintentionally misleading the country by making absolutely preposterous and exaggerated statements regarding the country's ability to get soldiers abroad, Senators Williams and Reed replied. The discussion will be resumed tomorrow.

GERMAN STRIKES APPEAR TO BE AT AN END

LONDON, Feb. 4.—With the exception of a new movement at Jena reported by the Tageblatt of Berlin, the German strikes appear virtually to have ended. The leaders of the strikers advised work be resumed today. German newspapers record no disturbances in Berlin Saturday. The directors of the Krupp works report, the Cologne Gazette says, that only 400 out of the 110,000 workmen went on strike and that these were fined or dismissed.

The Berlin Vorwaerts says that the building in which the court martial is sitting is closed to the public and guarded by troops. Heinrich Schultze, the first prisoner to be tried, was sentenced to imprisonment for six months for having distributed leaflets, urging workers to strike.

BUM MAIL SERVICE
NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—American prisoners of war in Germany are facing their hardships with unbroken spirits, but are worried about their failure to receive mail from their relatives in this country, according to letters in the possession of prisoner of war aid department of the Y.M.C.A.

DISASTER IN HALIFAX IS BLAMED TO CAPTAIN

COMMANDER OF FRENCH MUNITIONS SHIP MONT BLANC AND FRANK MACKAY, THE PILOT, WHO BROUGHT VESSEL INTO HARBOR, ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLISION WHICH WRECKED CITY: WILL BE TRIED FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

By Associated Press.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 4.—Blame for the collision between the French munitions ship Mont Blanc and the Belgian relief ship Imo, resulting in the explosion of the former vessel, which destroyed a large part of Halifax on Dec. 6, was placed upon Pilot Mackay of Halifax and Captain Lamodec, of the French ship, in a judgment announced today by the government commission which investigated the collision.

With the announcement of the commission's judgment, Mackay was arrested, charged with manslaughter, the commission having recommended that he be criminally prosecuted and his license cancelled.

The commission also recommended to the French authorities the cancellation of the license of Captain Lamodec and that he be "dealt with according to the law of his country."

Captain Lamodec was also arrested, charged with manslaughter.

The commission held that Captain Lamodec and Pilot Mackay are in addition found guilty by the commission of neglect of public safety on the ground that they did not take proper steps to warn the inhabitants of the city of a probable explosion. The commission further "considers the pilotage authorities deserving of censure" for permitting Mackay to pilot ships since the disaster.

ALLIES CONTINUE IN NUMERICAL ASCENDANCY

CENTRAL POWERS STILL IN MINORITY REGARDING MAN-POWER DESPITE REINFORCEMENTS FROM RUSSIAN FRONTS.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—All reports to the war department indicate that the Allies still hold a very appreciable numerical superiority in men and guns on the western front despite the heavy German concentration since the defection in Russia. Secretary Baker's weekly review today announced. The review gives first place to the statement that American troops are now occupying a portion of the actual battle front. It warns the country that the world is flooded with reports of internal unrest in Germany, which must not be allowed to affect the effectiveness or speed of our war preparations.

SILVER
NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Silver 85 1/2 cents.